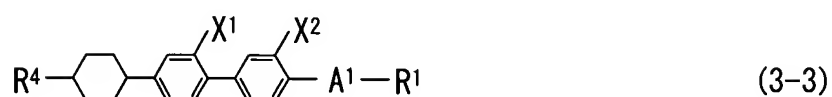
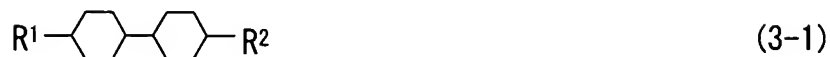
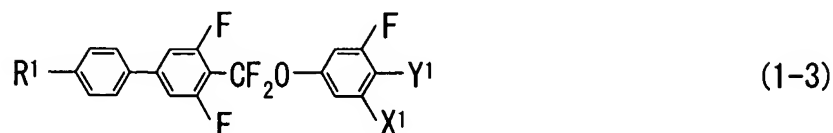
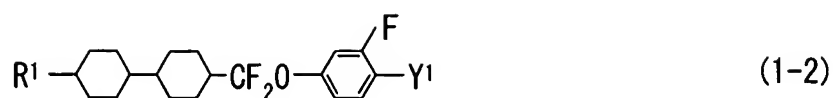


What is claimed is:

1. A liquid crystal composition comprising at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by
5 formulas (1-1), (1-2), and (1-3) as a first component, at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (2) as a second component, and at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by formulas (3-1), (3-2), and (3-3) as a third
10 component:



wherein, R^1 is alkyl; R^2 is alkyl or alkenyl in which one or more hydrogens may be replaced by fluorine; R^3 is alkyl or alkoxy; R^4 is alkyl or alkoxymethyl; R^5 is alkyl or alkenyl; A^1 is 1,4-cyclohexylene or 1,4-phenylene; Z^1 is a single bond or -COO-; X^1 and X^2 are independently hydrogen or fluorine; and Y^1 is fluorine or -OCF₃.

2. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1, wherein the first component is at least one compound

selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-1).

3. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1, wherein the first component is at least one compound

5 selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-1) and at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-2).

4. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1, wherein the first component is at least one compound

10 selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-1) and at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-3).

5. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1, wherein the first component is at least one compound

15 selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-1), at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-2), and at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-3).

20 6. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1, wherein the first component is at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-2).

7. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1,

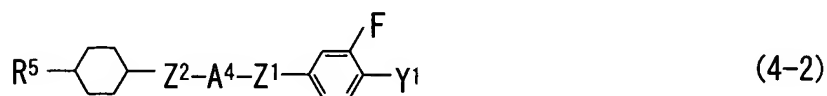
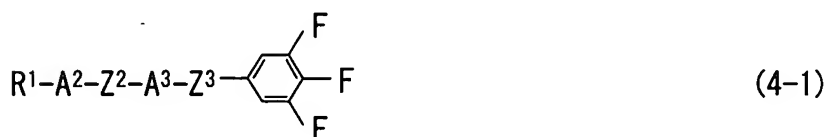
25 wherein the first component is at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by formula

(1-2) and at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-3).

8. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1, wherein the first component is at least one compound
5 selected from the group of compounds represented by formula (1-3).

9. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1 which comprises from 5 to 50% by weight of the first component, from 5 to 40% by weight of the second component,
10 and from 10 to 70% by weight of the third component, each based on the total weight of the composition.

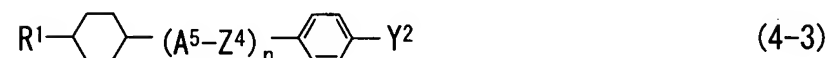
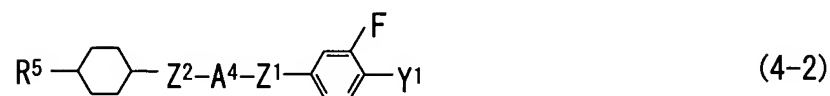
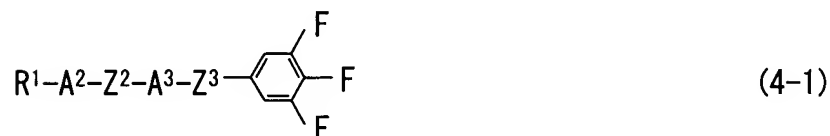
10. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 1 which further comprises at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by formulas (4-1), (4-2),
15 (4-3), and (4-4) as a fourth component:



wherein, R^1 is alkyl; R^3 is alkyl or alkoxy; R^5 is alkyl or alkenyl; A^2 is 1,4-cyclohexylene or 1,3-dioxane-2,5-diyl; A^3

is 1,4-cyclohexylene, 1,4-phenylene, 1,3-dioxane-2,5-diyl,
or 3-fluoro-1,4-phenylene; A⁴ is 1,4-cyclohexylene, 1,4-
phenylene, or 3,5-difluoro-1,4-phenylene; A⁵ is 1,4-
cyclohexylene or 3-fluoro-1,4-phenylene; Z¹ is a single bond
or -COO-; Z² is a single bond or -(CH₂)₂-; Z³ is a single
bond, -COO-, -(CH₂)₂-, or -CF₂O-; Z⁴ is a single bond, -COO-,
or -(CH₂)₂-; Y¹ is fluorine or -OCF₃; Y² is fluorine,
chlorine, or -OCF₃; and n is 0 or 1.

11. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 9
which further comprises at least one compound selected from
the group of compounds represented by formulas (4-1), (4-2),
(4-3), and (4-4) as a fourth component:



wherein, R¹ is alkyl; R³ is alkyl or alkoxy; R⁵ is alkyl or
alkenyl; A² is 1,4-cyclohexylene or 1,3-dioxane-2,5-diyl; A³
is 1,4-cyclohexylene, 1,4-phenylene, 1,3-dioxane-2,5-diyl,
or 3-fluoro-1,4-phenylene; A⁴ is 1,4-cyclohexylene, 1,4-
phenylene, or 3,5-difluoro-1,4-phenylene; A⁵ is 1,4-

cyclohexylene or 3-fluoro-1,4-phenylene; Z¹ is a single bond or -COO-; Z² is a single bond or -(CH₂)₂-; Z³ is a single bond, -COO-, -(CH₂)₂-, or -CF₂O-; Z⁴ is a single bond, -COO-, or -(CH₂)₂-; Y¹ is fluorine or -OCF₃; Y² is fluorine, chlorine, or -OCF₃; and n is 0 or 1.

12. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 10 which comprises from 1 to 50% by weight of the fourth component, based on the total weight of the composition.

13. The liquid crystal composition according to claim 11 which comprises from 1 to 50% by weight of the fourth component, based on the total weight of the composition.

14. A liquid crystal display element comprising the liquid crystal composition according to any one of claims 1 to 13.

15. The liquid crystal display element according to claim 14, wherein the liquid crystal display element is an AM element of an IPS mode.